

After a three-year break, the **Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta** is returning to the Nanticoke River on the first Saturday in August!

Will you build a sleek beauty, an artistic wonder, or something in-between? Start collecting cardboard boxes and brainstorming your boat design for this year's **Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta**! Get a team together or go solo, have a friendly competition between family, friends, businesses or groups. This is a great team building activity that results in a day of summer fun, good food and competition. The regatta will once again be held at the Nanticoke River Public Marine Park in Blades, on Saturday, Aug. 5th. Sign in and Registration will begin at 11 a.m., with judging of boats' appearances at noon, and races starting at 12:30 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 6th). New for this year, we welcome the **Delmarva Model Boat Club**, who will be operating their battery-powered remote-controlled boats in the marina before the races begin.

This is a great event to watch, to cheer on the competitors, and simply have fun. Come hungry as we will be grilling all-beef hot dogs and Black Angus Burgers. This is Reclaim Our River- Nanticoke Series (ROR Nanticoke) only fundraiser and any proceeds go towards projects/supplies to protect/preserve our beautiful Nanticoke River watershed.

Cardboard boats of any size, shape, or design may be entered in the regatta, but they must be made of used cardboard, and unless you want to win our "Titanic Award" for most spectacular sinking, the boats should be painted with multiple coats of latex house paint. Decorations may be removed after appearance judging, prior to the race start. Participants who pre-register their boats by Saturday, July 29, will receive special early-bird pricing of \$20 per boat. After that date, registration will increase to \$30. Participants can also register the day of the event.

Race course is 100 yards for adults and 50 yards for children. First place trophies will be awarded for winners of races in five categories: Individuals, Families, Youth (12 and under), Teens (13 -18), and Organizations & Businesses.

In addition to timed races, trophies are given for "Pride of the Fleet," "Most Whimsical" and "Team Spirit". Spectators get to vote for "People's Choice",

while a special “Titanic Award” will be given for the Most Spectacular Sinking! After all regular races are completed, crews are welcome to challenge other crews to race one-on-one for bragging rights (for a nominal \$5 fee/crew).

The 2023 **Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta** is presented by the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, the Abbott’s Mill Nature Center, the Town of Blades, Nanticoke River Yacht Club and Gallery 107. During the event, attendees can learn about the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance’s Reclaim Our River (ROR) partnership and how to help protect Delaware’s waterways. The ROR-Nanticoke Series is devoted to bringing events, workshops, and recreational activities to the Nanticoke Watershed. The series offers participants fun opportunities to connect with Delaware’s waterways and provides important information on water quality that can help in protecting our precious waterways. The Delaware Nature Society, DNREC’s Division of Watershed Stewardship and the DNREC Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances will have table displays as well.

Join our team as a sponsor for this event, with proceeds going toward event costs, projects that improve water quality, and water quality education. Sponsorships begin at \$50.

For more information, rules for construction and to register, please visit www.nanticokeriver.org/rcbr